

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of November, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
William M. Hill, Jr.,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

[FR Doc. 96-29234 Filed 11-13-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Governors; Notice of Vote To Close Meeting

At its meeting on November 4, 1996, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for December 2, 1996, in Washington, DC. The members will consider proposed filings with the Postal Rate Commission for limited changes in mail classification, postal rates, and fees.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the following persons: Governors Alvarado, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Mackie, McWherter, Rider and Winters; Postmaster General Runyon, Deputy Postmaster General Coughlin, Secretary to the Board Koerber, and General Counsel Elcano.

The Board determined that pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(c) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, this portion of the meeting is exempt from the open meeting requirement of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(b)] because it is likely to disclose information in connection with proceedings under Chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code (having to do with postal ratemaking, mail classification and changes in postal services), which is specifically exempted from disclosure by section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code.

The Board has determined further that pursuant to section 552b(c)(10) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the discussion is exempt because it is likely to specifically concern participation of the Postal Service in a civil action or proceeding involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

The Board further determined that the public interest does not require that the Board's discussion of these matters be open to the public.

In accordance with section 552b(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.6(a) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has

certified that in her opinion the meeting may properly be closed to public observation pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) and (10) of title 5, United States Code; section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code; and section 7.3(c) and (j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Thomas J. Koerber, at (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96-29370 Filed 11-12-96; 3:32 pm]

BILLING CODE 7710-12-M

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on November 20, 1996, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion Open to the Public

(1) Letter to Ms. Margaret C. Christophy, MetraHealth Insurance Company re Contract No. 92RRB006.

(2) Letter to Cong. James A. Leach replying to his letter of September 17, 1996, Enclosing a Letter from the National Assn. Of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees in Iowa.

(3) Inquiry to Chief Actuary from OIG re Investment Transactions.

(4) Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Allocation.

(5) First Floor Outleasing.

(6) Transfer of Activities Between the Office of Programs and the Office of Administration.

(7) Organizational Placement of the Bureau of Quality Assurance.

(8) Recommendations for the Establishment of Field Office Co-Location Pilots:

A. Ft. Lauderdale Outstationing.

B. Proposals for Co-Location of Ft. Wayne, IN and Westbury, NY Branch Offices.

(9) Recommendations Concerning the Function and Structure of the Field Service.

(10) Proposed Occupational Disability Standards (PRODS) Task Force Meeting.

(11) Regulations:

(A) Parts 211, 255 and 230

(B) Part 261

(12) Labor Member Truth in Budgeting Status Report.

Portion Closed to the Public

(A) Positions in Hearings and Appeals.

(B) 1997 Performance Appraisal Plans for Dirs. of Administration and Programs, the General Counsel and Bur./Ofc. Heads Reporting to them Respectively.

© *Pending Board Appeals*

1. Renee Hernandez.

2. Dillard W. Lewis.
3. Daniel E. Mengelos.

The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

[FR Doc. 96-29293 Filed 11-12-96; 10:11 am]

BILLING CODE 7905-01-M

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-37928; File No. SR-MSRB-96-7]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Relating to Political Contributions and Prohibitions on Municipal Securities Business

November 6, 1996.

I. Introduction

On August 6, 1996,¹ the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ a proposed rule change to amend rule G-37, on political contributions and prohibitions on municipal securities business, and rule G-8, on books and records. Notice of the proposed rule change appeared in the Federal Register on September 19, 1996.⁴

The Commission received three comment letters addressing the proposed rule change.⁵ One commenter endorsed the proposed amendments to

¹ On September 9, 1996, the MSRB filed Amendment No. 1 with the Commission. Amendment No. 1 amends proposed language to rule G-37(g)(vii). See letter from Ronald W. Smith, Legal Associate, MSRB, to Katherine England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, dated September 9, 1996.

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37675 (September 12, 1996), 61 FR 49368.

⁵ Letter from Douglas L. Kelly, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 11, 1996 ("A.G. Edwards Letter"); Letter from E. Stephen Walsh, Administrative and Compliance Partner, David J. Greene and Company, to Jonathan Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 9, 1996 ("Greene Letter"); Letter from Irwin D. Rowe, Executive Vice President, Loeb Partners Corporation, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 4, 1996 ("Loeb Letter").